



BOLENS

AMERICA'S FINEST OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT



Difference designed...with performance
in mind!



"What will Bolens owners want it to do...?"

Each of the products featured in this catalog has been "difference-designed" by Bolens to give you greater flexibility of use, broader work capacity, longer durability and finer precision and speed than any others on the market today. Bolens products are unique in the outdoor power equipment industry. They incorporate advanced features, and more of them, year after year. Bolens originated the first compact tractor, for example, and was the first to apply power to lawn, yard and garden equipment. Very often, Bolens products have not "looked like" other products available to the consumer. There is a reason for this visual difference: performance.

Before any Bolens product is built, two key questions are asked. "What should this equipment be able to do?" "What will Bolens owners want it to do?" Answering these questions honestly has given Bolens a reputation for leadership in outdoor power equipment that is the envy of the industry.

Take the Estate Keeper and Lawn Keepers, for example. There is nothing else similar in the world. They feature a Bolens innovation called "Center-Pivot" steering that allows them to "swivel-hip" around lawn and garden obstacles, cut square corners and generally out-manuever any other lawn-care vehicle made. They look different, they are different. And those who own them know exactly why. At Bolens, the phrase, "Difference-designed . . . with performance in mind" is more than a slogan. It is a way of life. And it means that you have been taken into consideration . . . your needs and your convenience . . . long before the Bolens engineers draw the first lines of the product you ultimately will own.





From drawing board to finished product, the Bolens people take pride in their work. Their purpose is to build equipment that performs the way you want it to. Part of the job is done at the engineer's drawing board. It's his duty to see that every bolt and bearing, every shaft and gear is designed for long rugged use.

In the factory, the skilled machinist operating the complex gear-cutting machine is proud of the exacting standards he maintains. Bolens, unlike most other manufacturers, machines its own gears, realizing that the effort involved results in product reliability and satisfied owners.

On the assembly line, the individual components are carefully fitted to create

products which have a mighty big reputation to maintain. During every operation, rigid quality and inspection standards assure the manufacturing excellence that has become a Bolens trademark.

Your nearby Bolens dealers and their men are skilled mechanics who have been trained to service what they sell. Their parts departments are fully stocked with genuine Bolens parts to keep your equipment in peak operating condition.

The ultimate judge of performance is you, the user. Because Bolens equipment is designed with you in mind, we know you'll enjoy and appreciate it. And there's nothing that pleases us more than to see satisfied people on Bolens equipment.



HUSKY 1050



HUSKY 1250



HUSKY 1050



HUSKY 850



HUSKY 770

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Bolens Huskys...the world's most advanced line of compact tractors

Bolens Husky tractors work the way you want them to! Before each one was designed, two key questions had to be answered: "What should this unit be able to do?" "What will Bolens owners want it to do?" Answering these questions honestly and accurately has given Bolens Huskys a reputation for leadership in compact tractor performance, durability, advanced engineering design and "years-ahead" features. Only a Bolens Husky gives you *all* the help you want and need to power you through outdoor chores fast! From the rugged engine, to the live PTO that delivers positive, constant power to attachments . . . to

the exclusive Fast-Switch Power-lock Hitch that makes attachment changing a snap . . . to a choice of dependable, all-season attachments . . . to the fingertip-convenience control panel, you get extra-performance features you don't pay extra to get! Whether you choose a Bolens Husky with standard or with "hydrostatic" (automatic) drive, you get champion operating efficiency, maintenance economy and unparalleled ease of handling, year round. You'll discover the Bolens Husky is a compact tractor you'll be proud to own, because it's "Difference-designed . . . with performance in mind!"

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Bolens exclusive Fast-Switch Power-lock Hitch makes attachment changing a snap!

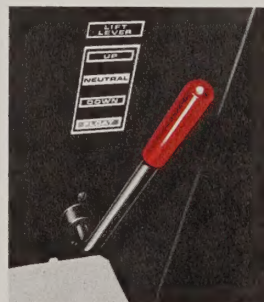
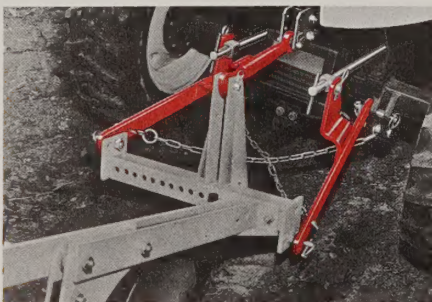


Here's the easiest, fastest method for changing tractor attachments. Powered by a drive shaft, Bolens powered attachments couple or uncouple in minutes. Just plug in the attachment, as shown at right, and away you go!

With Bolens Fast-Switch Power-lock Hitch you need no special tools, no extra-cost hitch kits. Your hands and a few hitch pins to the job. And your hands stay cleaner, too. No greasy parts to touch.

Bolens Fast-Switch Power-lock Hitch is standard equipment on Husky 850, 1050 and 1250 tractors. The Bolens Husky 770 has direct-power belt drive for front or center-mounted power attachments.

True 3-point hitch on the 1250 means unlimited versatility, fingertip control



No matter which rear-mount or trailing attachment you use, you can control its working height or depth right from the tractor seat. Attachment lift lever (right) lets you adjust as you go, without slowing the tractor or reducing power. Trailing implements adapted for the Husky 1250 3-point hitch include mold-board plow, cultivator, disc harrow, one-row planter, fertilizer, rake, scarifier, etc.



1. To remove a powered attachment, you slip out the hitch pins that hold the attachment to the tractor, slide the attachment drive shaft off the Power-lock and pull the attachment free.



2. Position the tractor next to the attachment to be installed. (There are front-mounted, rear-mounted and center-mounted attachments.)



3. Slide the attachment drive shaft into the universal joint located at the end of the power-take-off shaft (Power-lock). Then insert the hitch pins into the attachment mounting bracket and lift mechanism . . .



4. . . . and you're ready to go! With Bolens exclusive Fast-Switch Power-lock Hitch, you can run through a weekend's worth of lawn and garden chores in less than half a day.

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Husky tractors put precision in power mowing



The Husky's live PTO keeps full-throttle power flowing directly from the engine to the attachment . . . independent of ground speed. With either a Bolens Husky 850 or 1050 you have two speed ranges to choose from . . . to match tractor speed to mowing conditions exactly. Six forward and two reverse speeds $\frac{3}{4}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$ mph. Gear down for slow, even mowing in tall grass. Gear up to run at full speed (over 500 ft. per minute) across wide stretches of lawn. You can raise or lower attachment to any of six different cutting heights from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 inches . . . trim to within $\frac{1}{2}$ inch

of shrubs, trees and side obstacles. With the Husky 1250 you can select infinite ground speed variation because the "hydrostatic" transmission automatically provides continuous acceleration or deceleration. The new Husky 770 offers most of the "years ahead" features of the larger models at an economical price.

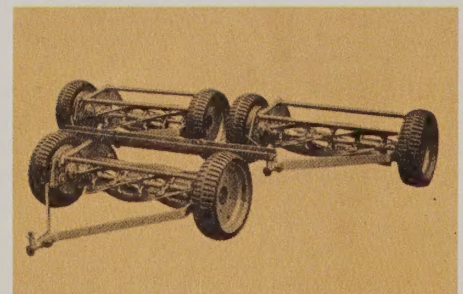
All the Bolens rotary mowers feature a hose-coupling, mounted on the mower base, for quick-flush cleaning with your garden hose while running the mower.

Two mowing attachments to choose from:



◀ **CENTER-MOUNT ROTARY MOWER** (32, 38 and 42-inch) Three-bladed attachment, specially designed to clear cut-grass from chamber.

TRAILING REEL MOWER (3 or 5-gang) Hitches to Husky tractor for large-scale reel mowing. Has independent suspension. ▶



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To bring convenience and versatility to a year

Over two dozen "Difference-designed" attachments are available for Bolens Husky tractors. This wide selection offers great utility and versatility in itself. But most convenient is the fact that all these attachments are designed to make using them a pleasure, not a chore. Bolens Fast-Switch Power-lock Hitch system permits attachment changing so simple and easy that you can match attachments to jobs in minutes. No matter what the reason, what the task, Bolens has the attachment to make the job a breeze.



SPRAYER . . . PTO powered, direct-mounted. Twin piston pump delivers 3 gal. per min., up to 300 lbs. pressure. Hand spray gun, 24 foot hose included.



GRADING or SNOW PLOWING . . . is made easy with these 42 or 54-inch, all-steel blades. You lock either one in five positions to level gravel, plow snow. Automatic trip-release lets you bypass obstacles without harming blade.



POWER TILLING . . . with Bolens is a snap. Attaches to rear splined power-take-off drive shaft for full engine power. 30 and 33-inch with extension. Tines are unconditionally guaranteed against breakage.

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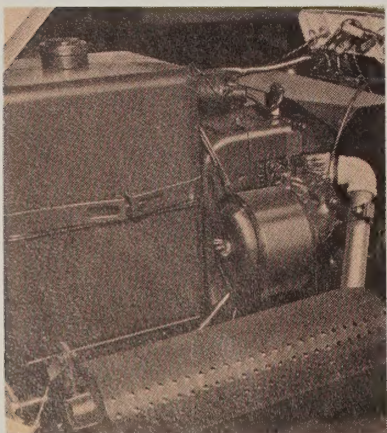
THATCHER . . . Front PTO driven with positive chain drive to unit. 37½-inch raking width. Lifts and lowers from operator's seat. Permits better turf irrigation and aeration.



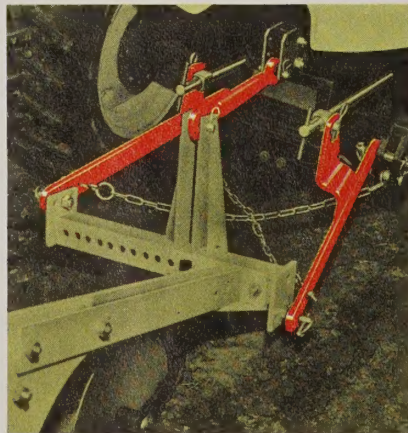
POWER SNOW CASTING . . . with Bolens means digging, casting in one smooth, continuous, straight-action cycle that prevents clogging or freezing in the discharge chute. 32, 36 and 42-inch bite. Adjustable runners.



CONVENIENCE CART . . . for all-season utility. 2-wheel, all steel. 41¾ inches by 26 inches by 12 inches with 7 cubic foot capacity. Spring-loaded latch release dumps cart. Haul everything: barbecue stoves, sand, gravel, dirt, compost, firewood, leaves, trash or what have you.



WISCONSIN 12½ HP ENGINE... Rugged engine is cast-iron construction. Industrial-type power plant suited to full-time grounds maintenance . . . long working hours, adverse weather. Compact, 4 cycle . . . gives dependable, economical performance.



HYDRAULIC POWER, 3-POINT HITCH . . . Now you can combine the advantages of the Bolens exclusive heavy-duty 3-point hitch with the ease of a hydraulic-powered lift. Bolens true 3-point hitch (common on larger tractors) provides the stability and leverage to trailing attachments such as mold-board plow, cultivator, disc harrow, one-row planter, and others. The hydraulic-powered lift makes raising or lowering heavy-duty attachments a job for lightweights . . . and you can do it all from the driver's seat.

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"HYDROSTATIC" TRANSMISSION HUSKY 1250

Constant-Control Automatic Drive... instant forward, reverse with power and speed to match any job

The commercial size Bolens Husky 1250 is perfect for parks, plants, institutions, large estates and farms. Built for big-job capacity and performance, the Husky 1250 will do literally dozens of grounds care chores. The biggest sized lawns are reduced to small lots, when power mowed with this Husky. It is loaded with extra features *at no extra cost*: "Hydrostatic" (automatic) drive, true three-point implement hitch, integrated hydraulic attachment lift, infinite, job-matching speed variation, live PTO and Fast-Switch Power-lock Hitch that makes attachment changing a "snap." In addition, a wide variety of Fast-Switch attachments makes the Bolens Husky 1250 a complete maintenance system for every season . . . every outdoor grounds care job. Whether you want to mow, till, grade, rake, clear snow . . . you'll breeze through work in record time, and with a minimum of effort.



SINGLE PEDAL CONTROL . . . is like having a third hand, because your hands never leave the wheel unless you need them elsewhere. A simple toe-and-heel movement, on the right-foot pedal, controls the forward and backward motion. Varying the position of the pedal regulates the speed . . . infinitely. Left-foot pedal holds exact speed desired to match working conditions exactly.

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To give you many convenience "extras" without paying extra for them

With a full range of attachments to choose from, these Bolens Huskys make year round yard care as easy as going along for the ride. Two speed ranges let you match the tractor speed to any ground condition. For example, if you're in 2nd gear of low range, mowing high grass, and are about to move onto a wide expanse of lawn, you'll want to have greater tractor ground speed. Simply move the speed-range control lever to "high" and select the gear you need for job-matching power and speed. You can creep along at $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile per hour or breeze through chores as fast as $6\frac{1}{2}$ mph (500 ft. per min.) and yet keep the attachment working at full speed.

With two speed ranges, the Husky 1050 and Husky 850 have twice as many geared working speeds as some other compact tractors. Standard features include: One-pedal clutch and brake; electric, key starting; all-gear transmission; parking brake; plate clutch drive; PTO and Fast-Switch Power-lock Hitch; safety attachment clutch; two sealed beam headlights and red tail light!



HUSKY 850



CONTROLLED DIFFERENTIAL
 . . . Whenever working conditions require extra traction (as in soft or muddy ground or deep snow or ice) you simply reach over the side of your Bolens Husky and turn the control knob for the degree of extra traction needed.



EASY-LIFT ATTACHMENT LEVER . . . Raises and lowers all attachments while under full power. Locks attachments in any of 6 positions. PTO drive eliminates need for belts . . . no re-alignments needed to operate at various heights.



HUSKY 1050

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All-season power package with economy as a bonus

Moderately priced, the Husky 770 offers many of the features found in the larger models. A four-season performer, it powers a wide range of Bolens attachments. Standard equipment includes: Six forward, two reverse speeds to match tractor speed to all working conditions; direct-power belt to change attachments in minutes; belt drive; all-gear transmission; fenders; seat cushion.



LIGHT FOOTED... Greater tire diameter lets each tractor tire apply less pressure on lawn than a man on foot. Average ground pressure is less than 6.9 lbs. per square inch. Bolens tire size is 20 x 8.00-10. Width of tire is 8 inches, and its larger diameter gives greater ground contact (more flotation at 25.4 sq. in.) than competitive units!



ELECTRIC START . . . (Illustrated) Optional key starting includes reliable Delco-Remy combination starter-generator that recharges 12-volt battery. Turn ignition key and you're on your way to effortless lawn care.

EASY-SPIN START... One quick pull on starter snaps rugged Briggs & Stratton engine to life.



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BOLENS SUBURBAN 24 features 4 hp Briggs & Stratton engine, 8-inch semi-pneumatic tires on front, 10-inch pneumatic tires on rear, easy-spin starting, 24-inch cutting width, 1/2-inch side trim.



Bolens Suburban 26 Riding Mower...a perfect blend of safety and rugged dependability

This riding mower is built for hard work. You can mow, tow a lawn roller or cart and let the sturdy Suburban finish your yard-care project quickly and safely. The 5 hp engine in the Suburban 26 lets you cover ground fast, while cutting a full 26-inch swath. Easy on your lawn, the Suburban 26 features automotive type steering and differential to prevent gouging. It lets you trim to within 1/2 inch on either side, choose cutting height

adjustments from 1 1/2 to 3 inches. Safety features include a separate blade clutch for safe driving with blade locked in stop position, and brakes as standard equipment. Drive clutch is automatically disengaged when foot is lifted from pedal. Guarded grass discharge chute can be opened for side delivery or closed for added safety with rear delivery of grass. You'll be amazed at how easy yard care is with a Suburban 26.



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BOLENS ESTATE KEEPER

Center-Pivot Steering gives you

UNIQUE CENTER-PIVOT STEERING . . . is an advanced steering principle called "frame steering." It lets you circle shrubs, cut square corners and edge up to fences where no other compact tractor or riding mower can even come close. As you turn the steering wheel, the entire front and rear sections move together like a hinge, with the wheels forming the arc of a circle. The more you turn, the smaller the circle. You actually steer the attachment . . . aiming it where you want to go. Rear wheels track front wheels exactly . . . no shortcutting on turns.





LAWN KEEPER

an exclusive edge over any outdoor job

RUGGED FLEXIBILITY . . . Center-Pivot design affords vertical as well as horizontal flex. All four wheels hug the ground, regardless of slopes. This unique concept lets you handle rough terrain with ease, maneuver in and out of tight spots which baffle conventional tractors. Both the Estate Keeper and Lawn Keeper have low centers of gravity . . . provide exceptional stability. They follow ground contours for smooth, even mowing . . . with never a trace of scalping.



UP-FRONT SEATING . . . puts you on top of every yard care job. Seated where the action is, with engine and exhaust in the rear, you aim the front-mounted mower for fast, clear-view, one-pass mowing. You'll appreciate this design more and more as you go along. It ends back-tracking, to save time and effort on every job. When you're "up-front" on a Bolens Estate Keeper or Lawn Keeper, you'll notice how easy it is to edge shrubs, edge up tight to obstacles, to end most hand trimming in one easy pass. It's a great view!



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The Estate Keeper puts you on top of every job in sight

Seated up front on the Estate Keeper, you've got a commanding view of every mowing maneuver to come. Tight spots and obstacles are no problem for the Estate Keeper. You nose the front-mounted mower under low-hanging branches, circle trees and shrubs, edge up tight to walks, drives and fences. The three-bladed rotary mower attachment gets to the grass before the wheels have a chance to press it down . . . for the fastest, smoothest cut you've ever seen.

The rugged, 10 hp Estate Keeper has Bolens exclusive Center-Pivot Steering and a 21-inch turning radius that makes it the most maneuverable compact tractor ever built. As you turn the steering wheel, the tractor pivots in the middle to let you aim the attachment in any direction you want to mow. Two speed ranges (six forward

and two reverse speeds) let you match tractor speed to working conditions. Rear-engine design lets you drive away from the exhaust and engine heat . . . not into it. Built for all-season versatility, the Estate Keeper can be equipped for mowing, grading, hauling and snow casting. The Estate Keeper is truly the most advanced compact tractor on the market . . . and the most fun to run!



FAST-SWITCH POWER-LOCK HITCH . . . lets you change attachments easily, in minutes, without fooling with finger-pinching belts. Just "plug" attachment into the PTO (power-take-off) unit, insert a few hitch pins, and away you go to breeze through every job, in any season.



SNOW CASTING . . . Hitch up Bolens "straight-action" snow caster attachment, put away 3,000 lbs. of snow a minute and leave a clear 32" path behind. Casts snow 30 feet in any direction.



MOWING . . . Choose from two front-mounted rotary mowers (38" or 42"). Either way, you'll cut grass evenly before tractor wheels have a chance to press it down.



GRADING . . . A 38" heavy-duty grader blade gives the Estate Keeper year round versatility for grading, leveling, snow plowing or moving earth or gravel. All-steel blade adjusts to varied positions.



HAULING . . . Lawn tools, barbecue grills, firewood and other handy equipment all fit into the Estate Keeper's 2-wheel utility cart. Cart has big 7 cubic foot capacity, removable end gate, dump latch.

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Lawn Keeper...a riding mower engineered to run rings around any job

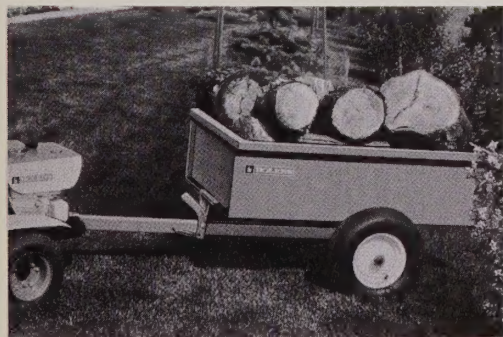
Bolens Lawn Keeper is a riding mower with Estate Keeper maneuverability. It features Center-Pivot Steering that allows it to bend at the waist as you turn the steering wheel. The more you turn, the more it bends until it reaches its minimum turning radius . . . a mere 16 inches (only 14 inches for the smaller Lawn Keeper). Seated up front for a clear, unobstructed view, you aim the mowing attachment where you want to mow. You "swivel-hip" through the most challenging obstacles with ease, cut square corners and pivot around trees and shrubs while eliminating most hand trimming. Rear wheels track front wheels exactly . . . no shortcutting on turns. Forward and reverse speeds in two ranges enable 264 feet of travel per minute. Rugged 6 hp engine is located in the rear, keeping exhaust fumes and noise away from the operator.



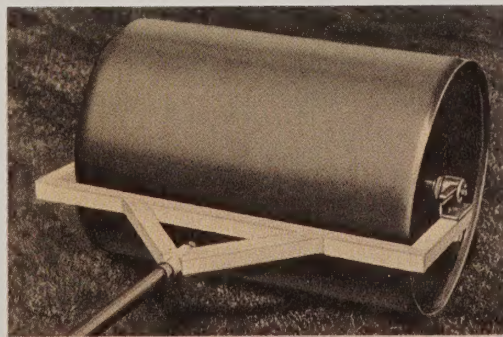
ECONOMICAL 5 HP LAWN KEEPER... gives all-season performance with economy as a bonus. 5 hp engine has easy pull starting. Turning radius is only 14 inches.



ROTARY MOWER . . . cuts a full 32-inch swath on every pass. Mowing height adjusts from 1½ to 3 inches. Cuts evenly before wheels press grass down.



UTILITY CART . . . All steel, 7 cubic foot capacity cart hitches to rear of Lawn Keeper. Has removable end gate. Spring-loaded latch release tips cart for easy dumping. Haul it all with ease.



LAWN ROLLER . . . 32-inch roller trails behind Lawn Keeper, follows path of front wheels. Can be filled with water to increase weight. Scraper bar cleans 24-inch diameter roller during operation.



SNOW BLADE . . . Ideal for light snow removal, 36-inch blade attaches easily to front of Lawn Keeper. Adjusts to varied angles. Use for plowing snow, grading, leveling. Takes backache out of winter.

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Bolens Orbit-Air...it mulches, as it mows, as it cleans your lawn

The Orbit-Air is really three mowers in one. One quick operation ends raking, sweeping and grass-catching (unless you prefer to) while you get the most even cut you've ever seen. The exclusive "gull-wing" blade of the Orbit-Air is multi-pitched to first draw grass blades upright, cut them evenly, then cut and re-cut clippings until they seem to disappear. The fine particles are blown deep into your lawn to form a moisture-retaining mulch that protects it all season long. The safest mower made—the Orbit-Air's blade is fully enclosed. Protective hood rides close to the ground, overlaps mower base by four inches front and rear.

22-INCH DELUXE... Push-type Orbit-Air Model #8338 features a 3½ hp 2-cycle engine. The power-propelled Model #8337 has a 3½ hp 4-cycle engine and also features a front axle drive. Both mulch as they mow.





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MUSTANG TILLER . . . 3½ hp Mustang is perfect for smaller gardens, around-the-grounds tilling. Tills from 17" to 38" with extensions . . . reducible to 9½".



Bolens Mustang Tillers...balanced for easy handling, deep digging

Here's swift, steady tilling without "kick-back." Bolens Mustang Tillers put their punch into the ground, not into you. They are balanced for easy handling, engineered for quick maneuverability. You never need to "rough ride" a Bolens Mustang. Made to last under hard, consistent use, both the 3½ hp Mustang and 5 hp Super Mustang feature tilling depths up to six inches, one-lever clutch,

select-o-width tilling and cultivating. For easy seedbed preparation, deep tilling in heavy soil or general garden maintenance, Bolens Mustang Tillers give you more features and performance than any others made. Their tines are unconditionally guaranteed against breakage for the life of the tiller. If broken, they will be replaced without charge. As always you're years ahead with Bolens equipment.

Your Bolens dealer
invites you to discover
the difference in the
1968 Bolens line

Quality-built, performance-proven and economically priced, the Bolens line is the fastest route out of your yard and into the swing of fun or relaxation. Test ride a Bolens on your lawn or garden. You'll find that Bolens offers the highest quality outdoor power equipment ever made . . . that Bolens gives you twice the benefits of others, but not at twice the price. To get extras you don't pay extra for, look to any Bolens product. It's "Difference-designed . . . with performance in mind!"

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